

Fifth Grade Newsletter for the Week of March 4, 2024

Coming Events and Announcements

March 5th: Field trip to North Campus for concert.

March 8th: 50's Dress Up Day/ Sock Hop at North 4:00-5:30pm

March 15th: Pi Day.

March 22nd: Westward Expansion Day

March 25th-29th: Spring Break- No School

April 8th-12th: CMAS Testing.

April 15/16: Challenger Space Center Field Trip

April 17th: 5th Grade Concert 2:00pm.

Here's a look at the week ahead:

Spelling

We will enter List 19 and test on the words of List 19 on Friday, March 8.

Math

We finish the chapter on multiplying and dividing decimals; math test 10 will be on Wednesday, March 6.

History

We will be covering the California Gold Rush and the riders of the Pony Express.

Science

We will launch into our unit on Astronomy as we begin to explore our solar system. We will be sending home Night Sky logs in which students are to record their observations of the night sky every night for two weeks.

Writing

We will continue our study of essays which compare and contrast two subjects with an essay discussing the differences and similarities between two characters from *The Secret Garden*

Literature

The Secret Garden, by Frances Hodgson Burnett, chapters 20-23

Geography

We are continuing our study of the states and capitals of U.S. by turning to the South.

The next tests will cover the South (March 8), Northeast (April 5), and the

All 50 states/capitals test will be on May 1st. Study early, study often.

Poetry/Recitation

Students will begin to memorize "The Poison Tree" by William Blake. This recitation will be due the week of March 18th. Students have been given one copy of the poem in class; it is also available on the website.

Character Corner

Our character focus for the month of March is on the importance of exercising Critical Thinking. Critical thinking is a habit that, like all good habits, must be intentionally pursued and practiced.

"Thinking is skilled work. It is not true that we are naturally endowed with the ability to think clearly and logically – without learning how, or without practicing."

– A.E. Mander